

TONTO National Forest



Recreation
Opportunity
Guide

www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto



WATER-ACTIVITIES

WATER USERS

RANGER DISTRICT

Mesa Ranger Station
5140 E. Ingram Street
Mesa, AZ 85205
Phone: (480) 610-3300 Fax: (480) 610-3346

NAME OF WATERWAY

Lower Salt River

RELATED OPPORTUNITIES

River floating, fishing, hiking and wildlife observation

SEASON OF USE

Late spring – fall: Day-use only
Winter Camping: October 15 – March 15

ELEVATION

1400 feet

FACILITIES

Picnic tables
Grills
Vault toilets
No drinking water available

LOCATION AND ACCESS

This site is located 24 miles northeast of Mesa. From Mesa, travel 7 miles east on the Superstition Freeway/U.S. 60, to Power Road/Bush Hwy. /Forest Road (FR) 204 and turn north. Follow Bush Hwy. for 17 miles to the site. The entire route is paved.

ATTRACTIONS

- Water Users is a popular river-access point (RAP) for tubers floating the Lower Salt River
- The riparian area is attracts spring & fall migratory fowl -- excellent for bird watchers

FEES

\$4.00 per vehicle: Day-use
\$6.00 camping fee during season only

CONSIDERATIONS

- This area becomes quite crowded on hot summer weekends
- Bring sun block and tennis shoes if planning to float the river
- To avoid injury, wear shoes when wading in the river
- Pets must be on a leash
- No glass containers are allowed in the Lower Salt River area
- Please use trash receptacles
- CAUTION:** Fallen trees and other materials in the river can trap swimmers and floaters
- BEWARE!!** Alcohol, sun and water are deadly combinations

NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Salt River Tubing: Tube rentals, bus service and snacks

Saguaro Lake Ranch Resort: Tube rentals, lodging, food and stable

Saguaro Lake Marina: Full-service marina, fishing supplies, ice, water, restaurant and phones

Mesa: All services

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Arizona River and Streams Guide*, Arizona State Parks
- For river-flow information, contact Salt river Project's recorded message line (602) 236-5929 or www.srpnet.com